Phila. March. 16th. 1862.

Wm. L. Garrison.

My Friend.

27 You will let me call you so? — I have thought often of the conversation which we had last Autumn & of your kindly promise to do what you could for me if I should come to New-England.

Some three-months since, I was discharged from the U.S. Mint, in consequence of my Abolition sentiments, & the yet graver offence, being a woman, of expressing them in public. Ex Gov. Pollock stated to others.

Since then I have been lecturing;

discussing the "Woman's Rights" question, once or twice, — but giving almost exclusively a lecture on, "The National Crisis" — This was delivered to a crowded house, at Concert-Hall, in this city, — last Tuesday Evening.

I should like to give this in Boston; & the other, — if desired.

I write to ask — if I would be welcome, — if I would have a good audience, — if it would pay; — if, — in short, — you think it well for me to come?

If so — I should like to speak, about Friday, the 28th inst. — but you will know best.

I spoke of its paying. — Depending wholly on my own exertions, I must work to live. — I have nothing to do — I need labor & profit.

I do not wish to tax your
kindness, nor trespass on the
generous promise made months
ago. — I should like to come, —
but I leave it wholly with you to decide.
May I hope for a speedy answer.

Very Respectfully & Truly Yours.

Anna E. Dickinson.

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